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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Mehregany et al.

Docket No.: 47799.00003

Application No.: 09/677,197

Group Art Unit: 3621

Filing Date: October 2, 2000

Examiner: Kambiz Abdi

Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ACQUISITION OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

TRANSMITTAL PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.97-1.98

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Commissioner:

Submitted herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(1) are (1) the Information Disclosure Statement, (2) the Information Disclosure Citation PTO Form 1449, and (3) cited references, and is accompanied by the appropriate fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p).

Manner of Payment

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-3878 in the amount of \$ 180.00.
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A check in the amount of \$ _____ is attached.

This statement does NOT authorize charge of the issue fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee specifically authorized hereafter, or any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith or concerning any paper filed hereafter, and which may be required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.18 (deficiency only) now or hereafter relative to this Application and the resulting Official document under 37 C.F.R. §1.20, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 19-3878 for which purpose a duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

By William R. Bachand
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TRANSMITTAL OF RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
GROUP 3600

Commissioner for Patents
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Commissioner:

Herewith is a response to the Office Action in the above-identified application mailed on October 3, 2003.

Applicant asserts Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

FEE CALCULATION, CLAIMS AS AMENDED:

| | Claims remaining after amendment | | Highest number previously paid for | = | Present Extra | | | Additional Fee |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------|---|---------------|---|-----------|----------------|
| Total Effective Claims | 12 | Minus | 25 | = | 0 | x | \$ 18.00 | = \$0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 2 | Minus | 3 | = | 0 | x | \$ 86.00 | \$0.00 |
| | | | | | | | Subtotal: | \$0.00 |
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Subtotal: \$0.00

Docket No.: 47799.00003

Fee Calculation: Request for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

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|-------|---|-----------|
| [x] | Response filed within first month after due date – add | \$ 110.00 |
| [] | Response filed within second month after due date – add | \$ 420.00 |
| [] | Response filed within third month after due date – add | \$ 950.00 |
| [] | Response filed within fourth month after due date – add | \$1480.00 |
| [] | Response filed within fifth month after due date – add | \$2010.00 |

Subtotal: \$ 110.00

If one of the “small entity” boxes above is checked, enter half (1/2) of the second subtotal and subtract.

\$ 55.00

TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE ENCLOSED: \$ 55.00

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